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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL APPROACH AGAINST EXPULSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA FROM UN

REFERENCE: PARIS 24824

1. FOLLOWING UP DEMARCHE REPORTED REFTEL, BAEYENS,
DIRECTEUR DU CABINET OF SECRETARY OF STATE DESTREMAU,
CALLED ME MORNING OCTOBER 22 TO REPORT THAT DESTREMAU
HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD EVENING OCTOBER 21.

2. PRESIDENT GISCARD SAID THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO
QUESTION AS TO THE POSITION OF FRANCE REGARDING THE EX-
PULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE UN. FRANCE WOULD DO
ALL IT COULD TO PREVENT SUCH EXPULSION AND WOULD WORK
WITH US TO THAT END.

3. WHEN I ASKED IF THIS MEANT THEY WOULD INDEED MAKE
THE APPROACHES WE REQUESTED TO THE FIVE COUNTRIES CON-
CERNED IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ABSTENTIONS,
BAEYENS CONFIRMED THAT WAS THE CASE. HE ADDED HOWEVER
THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM ON THE FRENCH
PART REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSUADING PERU AND
INDONESIA TO ABSTAIN. WHEN I AGAIN ASKED FOR ASSURANCE
THAT THEY WOULD DO THEIR BEST WITH THESE TWO COUNTRIES
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AS WELL, HE ASSURED ME THEY WOULD.

4. COMMENT: IF FRENCH ASSESSMENT CORRECT, IT WOULD
APPEAR MAXIMUM EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE OBTAIN INDONESIAN
AND PERUVIAN ABSTENTIONS.
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